CALIFORNIA GIS COUNCIL GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Recommendation 1 - Add the following language to the Council charter:

New members can be added by a simple majority vote of the Council at any of its quarterly meetings when a quorum is present. The Council encourages membership from any group that self organizes, shows initiative and has legitimate claim as representative of a non-commercial sector with interests in geospatial matters. The Council can also consider "at large" seats for individuals that offer unique and valuable skills, knowledge and experience in geospatial matters. Parties interested in becoming a member of the Council should first cultivate a sponsor that is already a member to carry their nomination. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to validate the applicant's credentials.

The Council Chair shall make an effort to contact members that fail to participate in at least half of the Council's quarterly meetings (participation on work groups and subcommittees will count toward meeting this requirement) to ascertain their interest in continued participation. Should a member fail to respond to at least three (3) repeated attempts at contact (including phone, letter, email or direct personal contact) or indicate that they are no longer interested in the Council, the Chair shall notify members at a quarterly meeting of the Council so that a vote can be taken to remove the party from the Council's membership role. Reinstatement of members shall follow the same procedure for consideration of new member applications.

Recommendation 2 - Acknowledge the special relationship that exists between the State CIO and the Council by including representation of the CIO on the Council's Executive Steering Committee. Change the Charter to read:

The Chair, Vice-Chair, the State Chief Information Officer or his/her designee (e.g., the State's Geospatial Information Officer) and elected members from the other "core" sectors or constituencies (e.g., federal, state or regional government, private and academic sectors) not represented by the Chair and Vice Chair will form an Executive Steering Committee to manage the affairs of the Council and develop agendas for Council meetings.

Recommendation 3 - Seek new members to represent California community colleges, State universities, University of California and private colleges in California. The Chair and/or Co-Chair shall invite and sponsor membership from these groups.